

FOUR SCORE OR MORE KILLED IN BRIDGE WRECK

Structure Which Was to Span the
St. Lawrence River Five Miles
Below Quebec City Tumb-
les Into Water.

WAS NO WARNING OF THE DISASTER

Men Had Just Quit Work for Day
and Were Making Their Way
Homeward When Accident Occurred
and They Made Desperate Efforts to
Reach Land But Most of Them
Went Down With Bridge.

(By Associated Press.)
QUEBEC, Aug. 29.—The great
Quebec bridge collapsed late this
afternoon, and now the vast mass of
steel lies a tangled wreck across the
Lawrence channel. A careful esti-
mate places the loss of life at 84.
The bridge fell at exactly 23 minutes
to six this evening, just as many of
the workmen were preparing to leave.
The accident was so terrible in its
effectiveness in wiping out the lives
of the men employed, that very little
is known as to the cause of the
disaster.

The bridge was about a mile and a
half in length and half of it, from the
south shore to midstream, crumpled
up and dropped into the water.

Ninety men were at work on this
section of the structure and the whis-
tle had just blown at 5:30 for the
men to quit work for the day when
there came a grinding sound from the
portion of the bridge in mid-
stream. The men turned to see what
had happened and an instant later
the cry went up, "The bridge is fall-
ing."

The men made a rush shoreward
but the distance was too great for
them to escape. The fallen section
of the bridge dragged others after it.
The snapping girders and cables
booming like a crash of artillery. Ter-
ror lent fleetness to the feet of the
frightened workmen as they sped
shoreward, but only a few of them
reached safety before the last piece
of iron work on the south shore was
dragged into the river.

Near the shore the wreckage of
the bridge did not go below the sur-
face of the water and eight workmen,
who remained above water were res-
cued and taken to the hospital at
Levis.

Steamer's Narrow Escape.
The steamer *Glemon* had just
cleared the bridge when the first sec-
tion fell. The water thrown up by
the debris went clear over the bridge
of the steamer. The captain at once
lowered boats. The small boats plied
backward and forward over the sun-
ken wreckage for half an hour, but
there was no sign of life. The twisted
iron and steel had its victims in a
terrible death grip. A few floating
timbers and the broken strands of
the bridge toward the north shore,
were the only signs that anything
unusual had happened. All the men
drowned were employees of the Phoe-
nixville Bridge Company and sub-
contractors of Quebec and Montreal.

Sixteen Bodies Recovered.
At 10 o'clock to-night sixteen bodies
had been picked up and of the eight
men in the Levis hospital, two are
not expected to live throughout the
night.

The Quebec bridge was begun about
seven years ago, and it was to be
finished in 1909. Subsidies had been
granted by the Federal and provin-
cial governments, and the city of
Quebec, and the estimated cost of the
work was \$10,000,000. The Phoenix-
ville Bridge Company of Pennsylvania
had the contract for the construction
of the bridge and were working from
both sides of the river.

The horror of the situation is in-
creased by the fact that there are
a number of wounded men pinned in
the wreckage near the shore. Their
groans and shrieks can be plainly
heard by the crowds who have gather-
ed at the waters edge, but nothing
so far can be done to relieve their
sufferings. There are no search
lights available and by the feeble
light of lanterns it is impossible to
even locate some of the sufferers.

HOLIDAY LABOR DAY.

Mayor Buxton Will Issue Proclama-
tion and Others to Follow.

Mayor Buxton stated yesterday that
he would issue a proclamation calling
upon the citizens of Newport News
to observe Labor Day, September 2,
as a holiday.

It is expected that the mayors of
nearly all of the other cities in this
section, will take the same action.

MOTOR BOAT RAKED BY GOVERNMENT PIER ARCH

Captain Schneider's Zanyda Loses
Most of Her Superstructure in
Attempting to Enter Basin

JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION, Aug.
29.—In passing beneath the arch of
the government pier, at the James-
town Exposition today, the big motor
boat *Zanyda*, owned by Captain An-
thony Schneider, Columbia Yacht
Club, New York city, was seriously
damaged. Almost all of the super-
structure of the yacht was swept
away by the collision including masts,
stanchions and a part of the cabin.
It was thought that the span was
high enough to permit the passage
of the boat, but this proved to be a
miscalculation the tide not being
taken into account.

The boat was heading the fleet that
had arrived from New York, making
the run down in five days and fifty-
five minutes. The immediate warn-
ing given the other boats prevented
any further accident.

The following boats arrived: Ar-
rington, owner E. L. Serrall, New
York city; Teddo San, owner Walter
Bolling, New York city; Rambler,
Dr. R. L. Rowle, New York city, all
coming direct from Thousand Islands.

SEARCHERS CAN FIND NO TRACE OF COLLIER

Brother of Missing Man Has Searched
the Lower Peninsula
in Vain.

All efforts to locate J. L. Collier,
the demented man who disappeared
from his home in East End early
Tuesday morning have been in vain.
A brother of the missing man dur-
ing the past two days, has scoured
the whole end of the Peninsula in a
fruitless search.

The police department is satisfied
that Collier is not hiding anywhere in
the city, and it is supposed that he
must have gone away by train or
boat.

Yesterday Chief Reynolds had print-
ed a number of post cards bearing a
picture and description of the man,
and sent them to the chiefs of the
various police departments in this
section.

NEGRO USES HIS RAZOR WITH TERRIBLE EFFECT

George Mayo Found With Deep
Slashes on Neck, Back and
Shoulders.

With a terrible gash across the
middle of his back and into the lower
end of his left lung, another extend-
ing from the base of his neck to his
left ear and a third across his right
shoulder, George Mayo, a young neg-
ro, was found in his home in Rock-
etts by the police about midnight
last night. Although he had lost a
large quantity of blood before being
found, the negro was still conscious
and, after being taken to the police
station in the patrol wagon he sat on
a box in the station until Dr. Thomas
J. Kagey arrived an hour later to
sew up his wounds.

While waiting the arrival of the
physician the negro calmly told the
police about the cutting. He said that
he and Epps Webster, also colored,
had had an argument over a small
string musical instrument and that
the latter attempted to hit him with
it, but that he had drawn off the
blow. Webster then drew a razor and
proceeded to slash him about the
body.

After inflicting the wounds, Web-
ster made his escape, but was arrest-
ed at Old Dominion Pier A by Ser-
geant T. M. Mitchell and Patrolman
Farrish at 2:30 o'clock this morning.
While Mayo's wounds are danger-
ous, it is not thought that they will
prove fatal.

Thirty Persons Injured in Wreck.

ASHLEVILLE, N. C., Aug. 29.—Pas-
senger train No. 41 on the Southern
Railway collided with an engine on
the westbound main line in this city
at 11 o'clock this morning, damaging
both engines and the combination
car. Thirty persons were injured,
none fatally.

Notice of Suit Filed.

Notice of suit was filed in the
clerk's office of the Corporation
Court yesterday by M. A. Finch
against W. M. Pence. The action is
brought to recover an alleged debt
of \$500. Mr. S. Otis Bland is coun-
sel for the plaintiff.

Suit, Morton Returns.

Superintendent of Schools W. C.
Morton, returned yesterday evening
from a three weeks' visit to his old
home in Staunton. Superintendent
Morton today will begin the prepara-
tions for opening the city public
schools on Monday, September 9th.

MR. STEVENS HERE TO ACT AS PEACEMAKER

President of C. & O. Hopes to
See Barr-Tucker Incident
Amicably Closed.

PAYS TWO VISITS TO GROUNDS

Exposition Directors Meet This Af-
ternoon to Investigate and Dispose
of Controversy—Both Director Gen-
eral and President Will be Present
to Make Statements.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

OLD POINT COMFORT, VA., Aug.
29.—President George W. Stevens, of
the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway, who
arrived at the Chamberlin this morn-
ing, went over to the Exposition
grounds and conferred with Director
General Barr and President Tucker
with the hope that he would be able
to assist in amicably settling the
trouble growing out of the direc-
tor's action in attempting to de-
prive the president of his duties and
rights as director of ceremonies at
the Tercentennial.

Mr. Stevens declined to talk for
publication and the result of his ef-
forts at peacemaking is not known.
He paid a second visit to the grounds
this afternoon at 5 o'clock, and re-
turned to spend the night here.

Discussing the situation with a
friend this afternoon, Mr. Stevens
said that while he was not especially
interested in the internal workings of
the Exposition official circle, he was
vitaly interested in the success of
the fair and that he earnestly desired
to see the present difficulty cleared
away as soon as possible.

Directors Meet Today

The board of directors of the Ex-
position company meets this afternoon
at 4 o'clock and at that time the
Barr-Tucker controversy will be in-
vestigated into and disposed of. It
is understood that both the president
and director general will be present
to make statements to the board.
It seems certain that as long as
Mr. Tucker holds the office of pres-
ident, Commissioner General Kohlman
will not officiate as the head of the
Exposition social circle. The commis-
sioner's personal representative in mat-
ters social, but Mr. Tucker's friends
say that so long as the latter holds
the office of president he will con-
tinue to exercise his duties.

Mr. Barr's Statement.

Mr. Barr has issued a statement to
the effect that he acted within his
authority in depriving Mr. Tucker of
his position as director of ceremonies.
He states that his authority is the
same as that formerly held by the
board of governors, and that he took
from Mr. Tucker only what he had
previously given him.

The director general had nothing
to say about the reasons for his action.

PRINCE WILHELM HAVING FINE TIME IN NEW YORK

Goes Up in the Singer Building and
is Given an Unusually Elab-
orate Banquet.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—Prince Wil-
helm of Sweden has spent a strenu-
ous 36 hours in New York. This
morning the prince was driven in an
automobile to Roosevelt Hospital,
where Johan Homan, a sailor of the
Swedish cruiser *Fylgia*, lies near to
death. The Prince was then driven
down town through the crowded
streets to the Singer building now
under construction. The party was
taken to the Twenty-ninth floor, the
topmost completed landing of the
building, from which a splendid view
of the city may be had.

Tonight the royal visitor was the
guest of honor at the most brilliant
and elaborate banquet New Yorkers
remember.

The dinner was given by John As-
pergren, president of the Swedish cham-
ber of commerce and Mrs. Aspergren.
Covers were laid for forty-eight.

PORTION OF A TOWN SLIDING DOWN HILL

Residents of a Pittsburg Suburb Flee
From Their Homes as the
Houses Crack.

PITTSBURG, PA., Aug. 29.—With
their houses cracking, windows
breaking and chimneys sinking deep
into the earth, several hundred
people have fled from their homes
in a landslide which threatens to
bury 25 dwellings.

One hundred yards below the Pitts-
burg & Lake Erie Railroad company
recently started to make a cut for
additional tracks. The earth between
the cut and the hillside on which the

houses stand is underlain with soft
shale and sandstone. The whole
mass is slowly slipping toward the
cut. During the past 24 hours the
street for 100 yards, with its houses,
dropped 300 feet below its original
level, bursting gas and water mains
and leaving half the village without
light or fire protection.

FUND TO CHECK CRUSADE AGAINST LIQUOR IN SOUTH

Said That the Big Brewers in This
County Will Fight Local Op-
tion Movement.

CINCINNATI, O., Aug. 29.—A re-
cent conference of important brewers
of the United States began here last
night with representatives of nearly
all the big breweries, including those
of Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Louis,
present. The prime object of the
meeting is the formulation of definite
plans of action to stop the spread of
the local option idea, especially in the
South. No details have been given
out but it is said that a million dol-
lar fund will be provided for the pur-
pose.

Two Suicides on the Patricia.

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—Two sui-
cides, both by boys, occurred from
the steamer *Patricia*, which arrived
today from Hamburg, Bouchonne and
Plymouth. Baruch Jaffe, a teenage
passenger, aged 18, jumped overboard
on August 19, and Heinrich Herk,
aged 18, a member of the crew, jump-
ed into the sea a few days ago.

Insane Man Kills Sister and Self.

POTTSVILLE, PA., Aug. 29.—Thos.
Lavelle, a prominent hotel keeper of
Grandyville, near here, shot and in-
stantly killed his sister, Mary, while
she was sleeping early today, and
then sent a bullet into his own head
which will cause his death. It is be-
lieved that Lavelle was temporarily
insane when he committed the act.

Dirkey Engine Boiler Burst.

ELKINS, W. VA., Aug. 29.—One
miner was killed and four others
horribly scalded, and, perhaps, fatally
injured, through the bursting of a
boiler of a dirkey engine on the
tram road of the Jacksonville Coal
and Coke Company near Emmart, W.
Va.

False Alarms of Fire.

Several false alarms of fire were
turned in to the city department last
night and the firemen were busy for
several hours answering the calls. It
is supposed that some of the local
and visiting firemen sent in the
alarms.

Today's Exposition Program.

Special Features of the Day.
8 to 9 a. m.—Drill Twelfth U.
S. Cavalry.
11 a. m. to 12 m.—Concert Ex-
position band, State Exhibit Build-
ing.
1 p. m.—Piano Recital, Edwin
H. Shonert.
1 p. m.—Piano and Violin Re-
cital, Edwin H. Shonert and Earl
J. Pfouts, Andertium.
3 p. m.—Daylight Fireworks.
4:30 p. m.—Withington Zouaves,
War Path.
4 p. m.—Organ Recital, William
Wall Whitfield.
5 p. m.—Dress Parade, Twenty-
third Infantry.
9:30 p. m.—Withington Zouaves,
War Path.

Stated Program Every Day.

7:30 a. m.—Gates open.
9:30 to 10:30 a. m.—Concert
Exposition Band, Main Gate.
10 a. m.—And hourly thereafter
Exhibition of weather bureau,
Earthquake recorder, Government
Building A.

10:30 to 11:30 a. m.—Concert,
Phinney's United States Band,
Raleigh Square.

11 a. m.—Preparation of large
weather map from reports from
all sections of the country, Gov-
ernment Building A.

11 a. m. to 4 p. m.—Session of
Children's School Farm.

11:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.—Mex-
ican National Band Concert, Ra-
leigh Court.

12 m. to 2 p. m.—Session of
Model School.

1 p. m.—Biographic and Stere-
opticon Exhibition, Scenes on In-
dian Reservation with lecture, In-
terior Department, Government
Building A.

2 p. m.—Biographic and Stere-
opticon Exhibition, Scenes on In-
dian Reservation with lectures, In-
terior Department, Government Building
A.

3 p. m.—Biographic exhibition
and lecture, scenes in Yosemite
Valley, Government Building A.

3 to 4 p. m.—Phinney's United
States Band, Auditorium.

2:30 p. m.—United States Life
Saving Service Drill at station.

3 p. m.—Illustrated lecture "Re-
claiming the Desert" by Mr. C. J.
Bishopard, U. S. R. S. Interior
Department, Government Building
A.

4 p. m.—Illustrated lecture "Yel-
lowstone National Park," by Mr.
E. C. Culver, Interior Department,
Government Building A.

5:30 to 6:30 p. m.—Mexican Na-
tional Band Concert, Reviewing
Stand.

7 to 9 p. m.—Combined Bands,
Reviewing Stand.

LOOKS AS IF WICKHAM HAD BEEN DEFEATED

Incomplete Returns Show That
the Senator Was Beaten by Dr.
Gravatt by 250 Votes.

FIGHT WAS NOT AGAINST THE MAN

But the People of the Thirty-second
Senatorial District Fought Him Be-
cause He Was So Closely Identifi-
fied With the Railroad Interests in
the State—Was a Leader.

(Special to The Daily Press.)

RICHMOND, VA., Aug. 29.—Incom-
plete returns from the Thirty-second
Senatorial District, composed of the
counties of Hanover, Caroline, and
King William, in which a primary for
legislative offices was held today, in-
dicate that Henry T. Wickham, the
incumbent has been defeated by prob-
ably 250 majority. The successful
candidate is Dr. Charles U. Gravatt,
of Caroline, a retired naval officer.

The fight against Senator Wickham
was not against the man, who is
popular in his district and who has
done good work in the Senate, but
against his official capacity as at-
torney for the Chesapeake & Ohio
Railroad. The fight was close and
sharp, both candidates putting up an
aggressive battle. The friends of
Wickham were considerably more
numerous than the friends of Dr. Gra-
vatt, though a strong fight is being
made all over the state to debar the
election of railway and corporation
attorneys to the legislative bodies of
the state.

Senator Wickham, because of his
dual capacity as a servant of the
state and the railroad would have
been forced during the present win-
ter to fight the State in the pending
railway litigation before the Supreme
Court of the United States, while at
the same time representing the State
as a lawmaker.

J. LAWRENCE MINETREE DIES IN PULLMAN CAR

Boarded Train at Roanoke Apparently
in Good Health—Found Dead
at Norfolk.

(By Associated Press.)

NORFOLK, VA., Aug. 29.—J. Law-
rence Minetree, aged 30 years, of
Washington, D. C., a locomotive sales-
man, representing a New York house,
was found dead in the berth of a
Pullman car upon the arrival of the
Norfolk & Western train from the
West at Petersburg today. The
body was brought on to Norfolk and
is still here.

Mr. Minetree, who has been sub-
ject to heart trouble, boarded the
train at Roanoke, Va., last night ap-
parently in good health. He leaves
a family in Washington.

The deceased was a son of the late
Col. Jos. P. Minetree, formerly pur-
chasing agent of the Southern railway
at Washington.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT ENTRIES CLOSE TODAY

Number of Best Players on the
Peninsula Already Have Filed
Their Names With Secretary.

Entries for the annual tennis tour-
nament of the Hampton Roads Golf
and Country Club, which begins to-
morrow afternoon, will close this
evening at 6 o'clock. All players de-
siring to participate in the tourna-
ment must file their names with Mr.
H. P. Hammond, at 126 Twenty-sixth
street. At 7 o'clock this evening the
drawings will take place.

The first games will be played to-
morrow afternoon and it is hoped to
have them all off within two weeks.
Dr. J. R. Bigby is the present holder
of the club's silver challenge cup.

Yesterday afternoon the following
had entered for the tournament: Dr.
J. R. Bigby, Richard Armstrong,
James E. Abbe, Jr., H. P. Hammond,
Naval Constructor G. H. Rock, Robert
Brydon, Major R. P. Davis, U. S. A.,
Wm. Harrison, R. A. Pope, A. Hozel-
burn, C. L. Putzel and William Bur-
lingame.

This tournament is open to all
players in Newport News and Old
Point and officers of the army and
navy.

MAKING DIRT FLY ON THE BIG PANAMA DITCH

Excavation During July Breaks All
Records—More Than Million
Cubic Yards are Moved.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 29.—

There is great rejoicing in the of-
fices of the Panama Canal Comma-

nd here over the detailed report of
the engineers, showing that consid-
erably more than a million cubic
yards of earth were excavated dur-
ing July.

The record of a million a month
had been looked forward to by each
of the successive chief engineers of
this great world project as doubted
whether it would ever be possible to
dig that much in thirty days.

The exact figures for July are 1,
126,718 cubic yards.

In the past month there were in-
stalled on the work thirty-two nine-
ty-five-ton, twenty-eight seventy-ton,
and three forty-five-ton steam shovels.
In addition, there are under contract
to be delivered between now and De-
cember next fifteen ninety-five-ton
shovels and seven forty-five-ton shov-
els.

When these all get to work the
monthly excavation will doubtless be
largely increased, and the ultimate
time of completion of the canal ma-
terially reduced.

BALLOONIST DROPS 1,000 FEET AND WILL NOT DIE

Parachute Knife Failed to Work and
Man's Descent Was Rapid—Wit-
nessed by Thousands.

(By Associated Press.)

BARNSTABLE, MASS., Aug. 29.—
Nearly 5,000 persons, at the Barn-
stable county fair, saw "Professor"
Maloney, a balloonist, drop a thou-
sand feet to earth, strike on the top
of a cedar fence post and escape
probably with his life.

Maloney made his ascent this af-
ternoon and as the visitors at the
fair grounds gazed upward they saw
that his attempts to cut his para-
chute were fruitless. A sharp easterly
wind had blown the rope which con-
nects with the knife amongst a mass
of cords high up and out of reach of
the balloonist. For fully two miles
Maloney floated along. The gas was
rapidly leaking from the big bag
above him, and he prepared for the
long drop. As it neared the earth the
canvass fell about the body of the aëro-
naut and prevented him from seeing
where he was falling. He struck
in a half standing position on the top
of a big cedar post used by a farmer
to mark off his field. His back was
terribly torn and his left arm badly
injured. A long line of automobiles
headed by one carrying Governor
Guild rushed to the spot where Ma-
loney had fallen. The man was picked
up in a semi-conscious condition and
was hurried to his hotel in Barn-
stable Center. Physicians, who at-
tended Maloney, say that if he is not
internally injured he will recover.

TRIED TO MURDER WIFE IN PRESENCE OF BOARDERS

Guests in an Ocean Grove Hotel
Startled by an Attempted Mur-
der and Successful Suicide.

(By Associated Press.)

OCEAN GROVE, N. J., Aug. 29.—In
the presence of a number of boarders
in the New Jersey House, a hotel of
which he was the proprietor, Robert
S. Gravatt, 47 years old today shot
and perhaps mortally wounded his
wife, Irene, seriously wounded his
nine year old daughter, Mollie, and
then killed himself. Domestic trou-
ble is said to have been the cause
of the tragedy. The couple quarreled
in the hotel dining room during the
dinner hour.

Gravatt pulled a revolver and be-
gan firing at his wife. She fell w-
a bullet in her leg and the child
rushed between her parents to shield
her mother and was shot in the thigh.
When the child fell Gravatt fired two
other bullets into his wife's prostrate
body and then sent the remaining
bullet into his own brain.

Gravatt was well-to-do. Beside
being proprietor of the hotel where
the tragedy occurred, he owned a
store in Asbury Park.

Date for Southern Appeal Hearing.

(By Associated Press.)

RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 29.—After
hearing from the State and the
Southern Railway in regard to the
appeal by the Southern Railway in
the matter of the \$30,000 fine im-
posed by Judge Long on the South-
ern Railway for selling tickets at a
rate in excess of two and a quarter
cents, the Supreme Court today set
September 17 as the date for the hear-
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Granite Crushed Scaffold; Two Killed

(By Associated Press.)

YORK, PA., Aug. 29.—Two men
were killed and two injured, one
probably fatally, by the falling of a
scaffold today at the York county jail
which is being rebuilt. The scaffold
was wrecked by an 800-pound piece
of granite falling on it, and the men
were precipitated to the ground, a
distance of 50 feet.

Al Kaufman Defeats Schreck.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Aug. 29.—
Al Kaufman defeated Mike Schreck,
of Cincinnati, in the seventh round.
Kaufman, in that round struck
Schreck a low blow and the East-
erner fell to the floor. He claimed
he had been fouled, but Referee Roche
refused to allow the claim.

Courier-Journal Burned Out.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Aug. 30.—At 2:40
p. m. the Courier-Journal building is
on fire. The flames spread with re-